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Note by the Secretariat

Letter dated 5 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

My Government wishes to draw your attention to the dangerous deterioration of the human rights situation in the former Yugoslavia. Reports of detention camps raise great concern over potentially massive human rights violations. There have been reports of citizens being rounded up and summarily and arbitrarily executed. Villages are being destroyed and homes demolished. Furthermore, international authorities have been hindered in their efforts to gain access to sites of alleged brutality. Therefore, the Government of the United States believes that it is imperative for the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to engage in high-level consideration of this situation.

In view of these circumstances, and on the basis of the provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/48 of 25 May 1990, the Government of the United States requests the convening of the Commission on Human Rights in an exceptional session at the earliest possible date, to discuss the dangerous situation in the former Yugoslavia.

(signed) Morris B. Abram
Ambassador

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